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EXCISE POLICE & MUNCIE POLICE RAID ILLEGAL CLUB

MUNCIE, IND – The Indiana State Excise Police and the Muncie Police executed a search warrant early Saturday morning at a club. The club was commonly known as BMW, located at 206 E. Willard St. The investigation began after the Excise Police received a complaint about the establishment selling alcoholic beverages without a permit.

Excise Officers arrested two men for running the illegal operation. Both men were charged with Maintaining A Common Nuisance, a Class D Felony, Sale of Alcoholic Beverages Without A Permit, a Class B Misdemeanor, and Nonpermittees-Unauthorized Dealings, a Class B Misdemeanor. Arrested were the owners of the establishment, Ronnie W. Boykin, age 46 and Dwight E. Evans, age 60. The men told police they had been friends for several years and were purchasing the building on contract from John Neal. Boykin and Evans were taken to the Delaware County Jail.

Upon the execution of the search warrant, several subjects were found inside the illegal establishment. One subject was jailed for having a warrant, one subject was issued a summons for Possession of Marijuana Under 30 grams, and one minor was issued a summons for Minor Consuming Alcohol. All of the other subjects were released.

During the search of the premise, numerous bottles of various brands of alcoholic beverages including beer & liquor were seized along with \$689.25 in US Currency. Five electronic gambling devices commonly known as Cherry Masters were found in a hidden storage area. The machines were disabled by removing the circuit boards. Several plastic bags of illegal drugs including marijuana & crack cocaine were found discarded inside the

premise and in the parking lot. The Muncie Police discovered a handgun that had been discarded in the grass across the street.

The officers were assisted at the scene by the Delaware County Prosecutor's Office.

The Indiana State Excise Police are the law enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol & Tobacco Commission.